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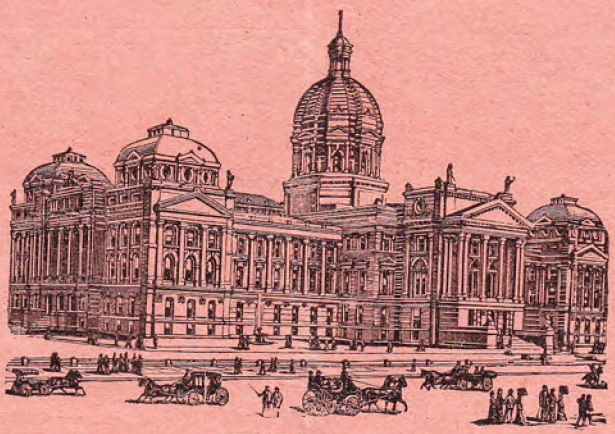

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25th.	" "	7.50
26th.	" "	7.50
27th.	" "	7.50
28th.	" "	5.00
29th.	" "	5.00
30th.	" "	5.00
31st.	" "	5.00
32d.	" "	5.00
33d.	" "	2.50
34th.	" "	2.50
35th.	" "	2.50
36th.	" "	2.50
37th.	" "	2.50
38th.	" "	2.50
39th.	" "	2.50
40th.	" "	2.50
41st.	" "	2.50
42d.	" "	2.50
43d.	" "	2.50
44th.	" "	1.00
45th.	" "	1.00
46th.	" "	1.00
47th.	" "	1.00
48th.	" "	1.00
49th.	" "	1.00
50th.	" "	1.00
51st.	" "	1.00
52d.	" "	1.00
53d.	" "	1.00
	Total value.....	$600.00

RULES.

RULE 1. All words must be formed from the letters contained in the word "HOOSIER."

RULE 2. Letters may be used in forming words only as many times as they occur in the word "HOOSIER," therefore, the letter "O" is the only letter that may be used twice in the formation of a word.

RULE 3. All words must be contained in the body of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, under the heading of "A Dictionary of the English Language," or in the supplement, under the heading of "A Supplement of Additional Words and Definitions," but no words contained in the Appendix will be counted.

RULE 4. Should a word have two meanings with only one spelling (such as rose, a plant, and rose, a form of the verb rise), it will only count as one word.

RULE 5. All lists of words must be arranged in alphabetical order and numbered by fives, i. e., 5, 10, 15, 20, etc.

RULE 6. Words must be written plainly, as any word of which there is the least doubt will be marked off the list.

RULE 7. Every person desiring to compete for the prizes must send 25 cents (the regular subscription price) for one year's subscription to the HOOSIER STAMP.

RULE 8. Should two or more persons, whose lists are large enough to win a prize, form the same number of words, the person having sent in his subscription to the HOOSIER STAMP first, will receive the prize.

RULE 9. All stamps in the prize packets are catalogued according to Mekeel's fourth edition and Scott Stamp & Coin Co.'s fifty-third edition catalogues.

RULE 10. The time for the closing of this contest will be announced in a later number of the HOOSIER STAMP.

RULE 11. All letters in regard to this contest must be addressed to Chas. E. Babcock & Co., 244 College Avenue, Indianapolis, Ind., and all letters of inquiry must contain stamp for reply.

RULE 12. Plurals of words will not be counted.

RULE 13. Should any other rules be deemed necessary for the furtherance of this contest, they will be duly published in the HOOSIER STAMP.

SUGGESTIONS.

Don't fail to write your name and address plainly on your list of words.

It would be well for you to keep a copy of the list of words sent in.

Rule 8 is probably the most important one to be observed, as by negligence in sending in your subscription you may lose the prize, should some one send in the same number of words as you.

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Editorial.

More than sixty thousand stamps are said to be found every year loose in the letter boxes of the United Kingdom.

In 1889 the Imperial postoffice of Russia handled 187,816,000 letters, 23,032,000 post cards, 12,530,000 registered packages and 31,742,000 samples of merchandise.

Mr. H. Gremmel announces the German-American Philatelic Association, alias "Germania," as a swindle.

R. E. Wright, of Broken Bow, Neb., intends publishing an S. of P. Souvenir, of special interest to members of the Sons of Philatelia. It will contain forty pages of reading matter, and be ready about July 1st.

The following was taken from the *Indianapolis Journal:*

"Lottie Mair, of Berwick, Pa., is the victim of the lie that by collecting 1,000,000 canceled stamps one can get $500. She gathered the required number in about three years' time, after having made herself a nuisance to everybody about her. When she failed to find the purchaser with the $500, she grew melancholy and it is feared that she will lose her mind."

R. A. P. B. B.

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"Begorrah," said Mr. Dolan, "Oi've thought av a way to sind a posthal carrud so that no wan kin tell phwats in it." "How do you do it?" "I put it insoide av an invillup and sind thot!"—*Washington Star.*

Filatelic Facts and Fallacies for April contains an article in French; last month it printed one in the Spanish language.

The International Philatelist for April contains a very fine half-tone of A. G. Allison.

The Detroit *Philatelist* has started its second volume.

The *Ohio Stamp* is one of our newly born contemporaries, hailing from Cleveland, Ohio.

We have received number one of the *Philatelic Gazette*. Is it possible that there is a stamp collector who does not know how to count? The pages of the *Gazette* are numbered 1, 2, 9, 4, 5, 4, 7, 8.

Brooklyn is now represented in philatelic circles by the *Brooklyn Stamp*.

The highest price ever paid for a stamp at auction was realized at the DeCoppet sale, when a British Guinea 1850 2c, on rose, circular, used and cut round, sold for $1010.

France is soon to adopt an interesting innovation in the postal card system. The cards will be issued in the form of check books, with stubs. The sender of the postal card can make memoranda of its contents on the stub, and can have this stamped at the post office before the card is detached, so that a verified record of the correspondence can be kept.— *Weekly Phil.*

The first number of *Philatelic Puck* is a very good one, and contains a number of illustrations.

The most prominent advertisement in philatelic papers at the present time is "wanted, Columbian stamps."

The Ottawa *Philatelist* for April uses half its space denouncing the *Philatelic Era*.

The Canadian *Philatelist* is probably the best stamp journal published in Canada.

One Dime for April contains something printed in the form of verse, which the author probably thought was an "Ode to Philately," but which will be more generally termed "odious to philately."

There are even more shades among the Columbian envelopes than the Columbian stamps.

MORE INFORMATION.

Tommy—Paw, when they send letters to the dead letter office what is it that kills them?

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